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1. During the period 1947-1951, [REDACTED] Polish merchant ships in the port of Gdynia [5430N-1833E]. [REDACTED] these ships, because they were among Poland's heavier ships, belonged to the Polish Ocean Lines Company (Polskie Linie Oceaniczne -- PLO), a state-owned company which had its headquarters in Gdynia. (Poland's lighter merchant ships had their home port in Szczecin [5325N-1435E].) On the smokestacks of the ships, the letters PLO appeared. (A listing of these ships follows:

 - a. M.S. KILINSKI. A freighter with a gross tonnage of about 8,000. I have heard that it visited a Chinese port. It was equipped with radar, had a speed of about 20 knots and a crew of about 60.
 - b. M.S. PULASKI. A freighter with a gross tonnage of about 6,000. In the Spring of 1951, [REDACTED] the KILINSKI [see a. above] and the PULASKI were being loaded with heavy machine crates marked "Czechoslovakia"; I heard that this cargo was bound for China. The ship has a crew of about 54 and possessed radar equipment. The speed was about 17 knots. [for the type of radar antenna aboard this ship, see Annex].
 - c. M.S. GENERAL BEM. [REDACTED] The captain was (fnu) MACIEJEWSKI. This freighter was bought from [REDACTED]

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a South American company, and most of its ports of call were in South America. It had a crew of about 50, and possessed radar /see Annex 7. The gross tonnage was approximately 5,100 and the speed, about 17 knots.

- d. M.S. POKOJ. A vessel similar to the GENERAL BEM /see c. above and also possessing radar.
- e. M.S. LECH. It was about seven years old, had a gross tonnage of approximately 3,000, a crew of about 30, and a speed of 14 knots.
- f. M.S. CZECH. A ship which was similar to the LECH /see e. above.
- g. M.S. GENERAL WALTER. A freighter which was similar to the KILINSKI /see a. above.
- h. M.S. TURNIA. This oil tanker had a gross tonnage of about 600.
- i. M.S. RYSY. A tanker which was similar to the TURNIA /see h. above. It sailed only along the Polish coast.
- j. M.S. KARPATY. This was Poland's largest tanker. It had a gross tonnage of about 7,000, a crew of about 48, and a speed of about 15 knots. It called on Albania and Odessa, Russia.
- k. M.S. MICKIEWICZ. A freighter which was about three years old, with a gross tonnage of about 4,500, a crew of about 40, and a speed of approximately 18 knots. Ports of call: India, South America, Far East. It also had radar equipment /see Annex 7.
- l. M.S. PIAST. This passenger-freighter had about 30 passenger cabins. It was built about 1951 in a foreign port unknown to me. The ship's gross tonnage was about 4,500; speed, about 21 knots. It possessed radar equipment /see Annex 7.
- m. M.S. CURIE-SKLODOWSKA. This ship was built about 1951 in a foreign port unknown to me. It was a freighter-passenger ship with about 15 passenger cabins. It had about 60 crew members, a gross tonnage of about 7,000, traveled with a speed of about 16 knots, and had radar /see Annex 7. I heard that it carried cement to South America.

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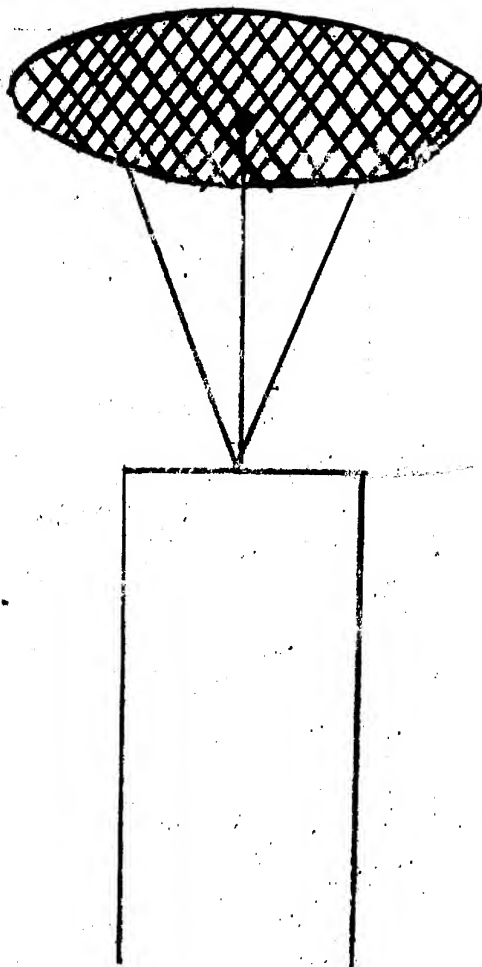
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